

## What's Behind Albuquerque Reads?

Since 1999 the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce has been committed to improving the local public education system through a defined focus on higher standards, increased accountability, teacher supports, community connections and common-sense governance. It has been noted that you can change a system all you like, but if a child cannot read, the world is closed to them.

Albuquerque Reads was launched to continue to support the Chamber's educational reform efforts. Dropouts decrease when children can read, graduation rates increase when children can read. Every child, not just some children, gets educated when children can read. Test scores improve, and when students graduate they are prepared to go to either the workforce or college. You can support this effort by becoming a tutor.

## You Can Make a Difference

Reading helps overcome poverty. The more educated our future generation is, the better the quality of their lives. Also, with a more educated workforce, we can build a better, stronger community.

By working with children in kindergarten you can teach them the value of reading before they have the chance to be discouraged, scared, or decide that reading "isn't cool."

## We'll All Be Better Off When Albuquerque Reads

Call 505-843-READ (7323) today to volunteer or to make a donation, or e-mail [AbqReads@abqchamber.com](mailto:AbqReads@abqchamber.com) to find out how you can help.

The more volunteer tutors we have, the more kindergarteners we can teach to read!



## Albuquerque Reads

*A partnership between Albuquerque Public Schools  
and the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce.*

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## Become an Albuquerque Reads Tutor Today.

*Help Them Learn to Read...  
And You Open a New World*





In its first two years, Albuquerque Reads worked with three grade schools. The results are impressive. At the beginning of the 2004-2005 school year, only 3% of students enrolled in the program were reading at or above grade level. Just nine months later, with the help of Albuquerque Reads,

- 72% were reading at or above grade level, and another
- 21% were reading almost at grade level.

## What is Involved?

Sponsored by the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce and Albuquerque Public Schools, Albuquerque Reads involves:

*One three-hour training session at a convenient date and time. This session is available for participating companies or interested individuals*



*Matching tutors with specific kindergarten classes at:*

- Atrisco Elementary School, 1201 Atrisco SW
- Bel Air Elementary School, 4725 Candelaria NE
- Wherry Elementary School, 25000 E. Kirtland Air Force Base

*Scheduling individual tutors or teams of 2-4 tutors to visit schools for a little more than an hour a week to help two kindergarten students. Each tutoring session consists of:*

- 1) A 10-minute meeting with an on-site coordinator
- 2) Two 30-minute tutoring sessions with two students

Tutoring sessions can include reading, writing or skills development.

## Do Tutors Need Special Skills?

The Albuquerque Reads Program training session provides tutors with all the training and information they need to successfully teach a child to read. It includes an easy-to-follow curriculum with pre-selected books and scheduled activities. All tutors need is a willingness to commit approximately one hour each week for an entire school year and to undergo a current background check.



## Albuquerque Reads Works!

Studies show that if a child cannot read at grade level by third grade, he or she will probably drop out before high school.

The Albuquerque Reads Program was launched in 2003 to match volunteers from local businesses and the community with kindergarteners. Our tutors help children learn to love reading. In a little over an hour a week during the school year, our tutors make a major difference in children's lives.

## What if I Can't Commit to an Hour Each Week?

Companies can submit teams of 2-4 individuals for one slot. Tutors or tutor teams are asked to commit to attending each tutoring session so that no students are left out, and every participating child receives the benefit of consistent one-on-one weekly reading practice.

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